



Commanding Officer  
USS FORREST SHERMAN (DDG 98)  
FPO AE 09569-1214

Shipmate,

Welcome Aboard and congratulations on your assignment to USS FORREST SHERMAN (DDG 98)!

FORREST SHERMAN is the 48<sup>th</sup> Aegis Destroyer and the 20<sup>th</sup> of the Flight IIA variant. FORREST SHERMAN is one of the most capable and advanced warships ever constructed. Although FORREST SHERMAN is a technological marvel, every crewmember plays a critical role in our ability to execute our mission. Most importantly, you have been selected to become a member of FORREST SHERMAN, a team that has a reputation of excellence throughout the Fleet.

The "Welcome Aboard Handbook" is located on our website (<http://www.public.navy.mil/surflant/ddg98/pages/default.aspx>) provides a wealth of detailed information about your initial reporting procedures, local commands that can assist in your move, and information about the Norfolk community. Comprehensive answers to all of your questions may not be found at the website, so I strongly urge you to contact the command sponsor coordinator at [sponsor@ddg98.navy.mil](mailto:sponsor@ddg98.navy.mil) or the Command Master Chief at [cmc@ddg98.navy.mil](mailto:cmc@ddg98.navy.mil) if you need further assistance.

Contact the ship as soon as you receive your orders so that we can gather critical information that will assist in preparing for your arrival. If we are at sea, you will check into the Transient Personnel Unit (TPU), Norfolk. You can contact TPU at COMM: 757-444-1640 for information regarding further transfer procedures. Again, congratulations on your assignment to FORREST SHERMAN!

  
T. C. ZENNER  
Commander, U. S. Navy  
Commanding Officer